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OPIC Military Information from Neuruppin

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On 23 February 1953, 46 T-43 tanks, several trucks and jeeps, about 20 sidecar motorcycles and 2 field kitchens, [redacted] were seen in the woods southeast of Frankendorf. On 25 February, 8 trucks, each towing a 76.2-mm field gun and each occupied by 20 soldiers carrying full field pack, were seen on Altruppin Strasse, leaving Neuruppin toward Buergerheide. On 1 March, the Panzer Kaserne in Neuruppin was only lightly occupied. About 30 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied to capacity. From 23 to 28 February, eight soldiers daily practiced with three 152-mm howitzers. The See Kaserne was also occupied to capacity. About 95 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. From 26 to 28 February, three tanks [redacted] daily left toward Kraenzlin. The supply traffic at the post was normal. Source did not observe any loadings between 17 February and 2 March.

[redacted] Comment. Tank units of the 12th Gds Tank Div stationed in the Fridericus Kaserne, also referred to as Panzer Kaserne, probably held exercises in late February and early March, probably in the same area, in which the exercises of the 9th Gds Tank Div took place in mid-February. On 1 March, the military installations of the post, except for the Fridericus Kaserne, appeared to be occupied as indicated in a report of mid-February.

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